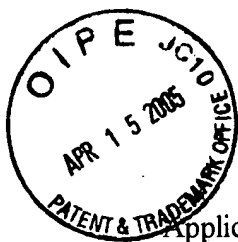


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It is respectfully requested that a 3 month Extension of Time be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 to file a response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2004 for the above-identified application.

In accord with 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1), the fee for a three (3) month Extension of Time for response is \$510.00. Check #22579 in this amount (\$510.00) is attached Thank you.

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